

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The final office action of April 1, 2004 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto.

In response to the objection to the drawings, Applicants hereby submit a corrected drawing sheet to correct alleged deficiencies pointed out therein.

Claims 1-5 and 10-26 remain in this application. Claims 1, 10, and 20 have been amended. Claim 26 has been added. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and arguments made herein.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-17 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by *Poole*, "Mac OS 8.5 Bible" (hereinafter *Poole*). Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over *Poole*. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

With respect to claim 1, the office action alleges that *Poole* teaches providing an operating system user interface manipulable by a user, a graphical representation of an item, and a user selectable property in the form of a date column that can be selected for sorting (found at page 159, first paragraph and Figure 7-9).

In response to Applicants' argument that *Poole* fails to show a frame with at least one slot containing a user-selected property of the item, the office action alleges that *Poole* teaches on page 159 and on page 83 that the column headings are user selectable properties and that on page 159, name is selected and the items are organized as such.

Claim 1 as amended recites:

A method of providing a graphical user interface to an operating system of a computer having a video screen, comprising the steps of:

- a. providing an operating system user interface manipulable by a user,
- b. providing a frame controlled by the operating system, the frame including a graphical representation of an item and a slot,

- c. placing a property of the item in the slot responsive to a user selecting the property, and
- d. displaying a view of the frame on the video screen.

Poole does not teach or suggest placing a property of the item in a slot responsive to a user selecting the property as recited in claim 1. Consequently, *Poole* does not disclose every feature of the invention as recited in amended claim 1, and claim 1 is therefore allowable. Further, claim 25 recites: "A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in claim 1." Applicants submit that claim 25 is allowable for substantially the same reasons as claim 1.

Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1 and are also allowable over *Poole* as being dependent upon an allowable base claim and further in view of the additional features recited therein.

Claim 10 also stands rejected under *Poole*. The office action contends that each of the features of claim 10 is disclosed in *Poole* at page 159, paragraph 1 and in figure 7-9. In response to arguments presented in the previous amendment, the final office action alleges that *Poole* teaches in Figure 7-9 on p. 159 that there is a database which stores properties (i.e. date) specific to item types (e.g. 3D graphics, convergency, photos). Claim 10 as amended recites in relevant part:

A computer-readable medium having computer-executable components comprising:

- a. a database component for storing properties specific to a first item type and properties specific to a second item type with the properties specific to the second item type different from the set of properties specific to the first item type,

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 10 because *Poole* fails to teach or suggest at least a database component for storing properties specific to a first item type and properties specific to a second item type with the properties specific to the second item type different from the set of properties specific to the first item type as recited in amended claim 10. *Poole* including the portion cited in the action does not teach or suggest the invention recited in amended claim 10 because each of the item types shown has the same properties as each other item type. As a result, because *Poole* does not store properties specific to a first item type that are different from properties specific to a second item type, claim 10 is allowable. In addition,

claims 11 and 12 depend from claim 10, and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 10, and further in view of the additional features recited therein.

Claim 13 stands rejected under *Poole*. The office action asserts that *Poole* discloses each claimed feature either at page 109, paragraph 2 and in figure 6-3; at page 162, paragraph 5; or at page 159, paragraph 1 and in figure 7-9. In response to Applicants' previous argument that *Poole* fails to teach a tile menu entry, the office action submits that "*Poole* teaches on page 109 figure 6-3, selection of the view begin by a title [sic] menu with options such [sic] by Icons, Buttons, or List. This menu further has a cascading 'Arrange' sub menu selected to show additional selectable elements." Final Office Action dated April 1, 2004 at ¶ 40.

Claim 13 recites in relevant part:

In a computer system having a graphical user interface including a display and a user interface selection device, a method of selecting from a menu and providing specific properties about an item, comprising the steps of:

- a. displaying a set of menu entries including a tile menu entry,

It appears that the words "tile menu" as recited in the claim have been improperly interpreted to encompass a single unit. However, as made clear in the instant specification at paragraph 30 and at Figure 4, the language "a tile menu entry" refers to an item on a menu for selecting a tile view.

Paragraph 30 in the specification as filed recites:

Located below the tool bar 220 is a main display portion 224 of the folder view window 210. The main display 224 depicts a new view according to the invention, hereinafter called tile view. As exemplified in Figure 4, to activate tile view, a user must select the "Tiles" sub-menu entry under the View menu from the new menu user interface 402. The shell, which receives the user's request to execute tile view, begins a routine, discussed below, for displaying from a default directory the information to be displayed in tile view.

Thus, as defined in the specification, the claim term "tile menu entry" refers to a menu item that a user selects in order to activate a tile view. *Poole* fails to teach or suggest such a tile menu entry. Accordingly, claim 13 is allowable. Claims 14-19 depend from claim 13, and are also allowable as being dependent on an allowable base claim and further in view of the additional features recited therein.

Claim 20 stands rejected as being anticipated by *Poole*. Claim 20 as amended recites:

In an operating system configured to support a plurality of file types, a method for displaying a listing of a file of one of the plurality of file types, wherein a set of relevant properties of each file type is stored by the operating system, the method comprising:

receiving a user selection of a property for the file type of the file;
and

in response to the user selection, displaying the selected property with a graphical representation of the file,

wherein the set of relevant properties for one of the file types is different from the set of relevant properties of another of the file types.

Applicants submit that claim 20, as amended, is allowable over *Poole* because *Poole* does not disclose at least receiving a user selection of a property for the file type of the file wherein the set of relevant properties for one of the file types is different from the set of relevant properties of another file type as recited in amended claim 20. Further, claim 24 recites: "A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in claim 20." Applicants submit that claim 24 is allowable for substantially the same reasons as claim 20.

Claims 21-23 and 26 depend from claim 20 and are also allowable over *Poole* as being dependent upon an allowable base claim and further in view of the additional features recited therein.

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Conclusion

If any fees are required for this submission, or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 accordingly.

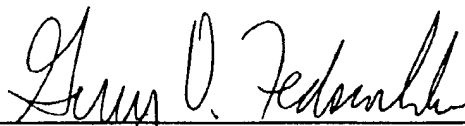
All rejections having been addressed, applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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